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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lynda Jasmin

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1 and 16 are objected to because of the following informalities:

in claim 1, at line 2, the term "system" should be replaced by the term --method--

In claim 16, at line 1, the phrase "for controlling the interchange of data when a portable device associated with a user" is unclear.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 16, at line 1, the recitation "the interchange data" lacks proper antecedent basis. Further, at line 3 the recitation "said user devices" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shore (2003/0149662 A1).

Shore discloses a method and system for interchanging/synchronizing information between a portable appliance (via PDA's as described in different embodiment) and a database (via storage of one or more type of data including but not limited to eTickets, electronic currency, personal medical information etc), with the steps of: establishing a wireless connection between the portable appliance and a POS terminal (as for example illustrated in Figures 1d, 1e, 9 and 29) the POS terminal being connectable to a plurality of e-service servers over a network (see boxes [0065, 0178-0180] The point of purchase device would then communicate to the relevant third party financial system such as a bank, credit card, debit card, or clearinghouse system); and initiating a synchronization process (via synchronization interface 13, 14) between the portable appliance (PDA's) and a connected server (via service provider server such as Immttec server) to synchronize information stored in the portable appliance with information stored in the connected server via the POS terminal (as illustrated in different embodiments see [0157-0167], [0233]).

Further, Shore discloses locating a proper one of the e-service servers on the network, and interchanging unique identify codes between the portable appliance, the POS terminal and the connected server (via PIN, and/or fingerprint, user ID or any other

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pertinent financial or personal data). Selection of a proper server depends, at least in part, on a unique identity code of the portable appliance (see [0117, 0118]). The step of synchronizing includes the step of downloading digital content (such as eticket). Shore further discloses the step of verifying if the portable appliance is authorized to access the POS terminal (via electronic authorization transaction see [0008], [0064]).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Nii discloses distributing electronic content between content provider and wireless personal terminal via accessing multimedia file from a database.

Strietzel discloses a system and method for delivering content information to a user wireless terminal.

Panofsky et al. discloses a system for vending and dispensing digital content between a vending machine and a user PDA or laptop after verifying that the user is an authorized subscriber.

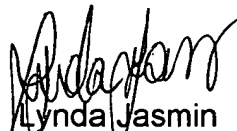
Henrick discloses a system for delivery digital contents over the Internet using a cell phone or other wireless devices.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda Jasmin whose telephone number is (703) 305-0465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday (8:00-5:30) alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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